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SUBJ: MEDIA REACTION: CYPRUS, POPPY DECISION DEVELOPMENTS

1. THE OUTBREAK OF FIGHTING IN CYPRUS DOMINATED TUESDAY MORNING EDITIONS OF THE TURKISH PRESS AND TRT BROADCASTS, ALTHOUGH SOME PAPERS FOUND ROOM ON FRONT PAGES TO REPORT PRIME MINISTER ECEVIT'S REMARKS IN AFYON ON THE LIFTING OF THE POPPY BAN. (SEPTTEL BEING PREPARED).

2. BECAUSE IMPORTANT TURKISH GOVERNMENT MEETINGS ON CYPRUS EXTENDED FAR INTO THE NIGHT, MANY TUESDAY DAILIES WERE LATE IN APPEARING. PARTLY AS A RESULT OF THIS, HEADLINE STORIES WERE CONFUSED AND CONTRADICTORY. IN THE HEADLINES:

HURRIYET: MAKARIOS OVERTHROWN AFTER BLOODY GREEK OFFICERS' COUP--WE WILL NOT ABANDON CYPRUS.

CUMHURIYET: MAKARIOS TAKING REFUGE AT ENGLISH BASE DISCLOSED--
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ATHENS DECLARED A GREEK REPUBLIC IN CYPRUS--TURKEY CONSIDERES THE EVENT GREEK INTERVENTION

SON HAVADIS: MAKARIOS WAS KILLED

BARIS: WE WILL INTERVENE IN CYPRUS--NATIONAL ASSEMBLY
CALLED TO EXTRAORDINARY MEETING

MILLIYET: COUP IN CYPRUS--MAKARIOS FATE UNKNOWN--EOKAIST
SAMPSON DECLARED PRESIDENT

GUNAYDIN: TURK-GREEK WAR CAN EXPLODE AT ANY MOMENT--MAKARIOS
WHO TOOK REFUGE AT ENGLISH BASE BARELY SAVED HIS
LIFE IN COUP.

3. IN SIDEBARS, ALMOST ALL PAPERS PROMINENTLY PLAY PRIME
MINISTER ECEVIT'S STATEMENT MONDAY THAT "NO ONE SHOULD
ATTEMPT TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THESE DISTURBANCES." ALSO
INCLUDED IN SEVERAL PAPERS WERE ROUNDUP STORIES OF WORLD
REACTION TO THE COUP. BOTH MILLIYET AND HURRIYET GAVE FRONT
PAGE PLAY TO THE STATE DEPARTMENT STATEMENT MONDAY THAT THE
UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO SUPPORT THE INDEPENDENCE AND
TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF THE ISLAND.

4. THE RAPIDLY DEVELOPING EVENTS IN CYPRUS CAME TOO FAST FOR
MOST PAPERS TO COMMENT. HOWEVER, MILLIYET EDITOR ABDI
IPEKCI DECLARED THAT IN THE EVENT THE COUP SUCCEEDS, THE
NEW RULERS OF CYPRUS WILL BE PARTISANS OF ENOSOS. DESPITE
STATEMENTS BY THE REBELS THAT THE PRESENT STATUS OF THE
ISLAND WOULD BE MAINTAINED, IPEKCI DECLARED THAT "...SOONER
OR LATER UNDERTAKINGS BY SUCH A REGIME AGAINST THE TURKISH
COMMUNITY AND IN VIOLATION OF CURRENT AGREEMENTS CAN BE
EXPECTED.

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